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PREFACE

The Legislative Assembly Estimates present to the Legislative Assembly expenditure proposals for the 1991-92 fiscal year. The Legislative Assembly will be asked to appropriate sums from the General Revenue Fund to each vote under section 2 of the Appropriation Act, 1991. Also to be appropriated under section 1 of the Appropriation Act, 1991 are Supplementary Estimates for 1990-91.

For the information of the Legislative Assembly, details of each vote are provided at the element level and by object and type of expenditure.

SYMBOLS

The following symbols are used throughout this publication:

. . . figures not appropriate or not applicable

- - amount too small (large) to be expressed

— nil or zero.

1991-92 Details of Legislative Assembly Estimates

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The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF VOTED EXPENDITURE

VOTE		1991-92 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1989-90 Actual
		$	%	$	$
1	Support to the Legislative Assembly	22,346,717	5.4	21,199,064	20,236,369
2	Office of the Auditor General	11,660,563	3.6	11,260,563	10,524,774
3	Office of the Ombudsman	1,250,800	1.8	1,228,900	1,213,300
4	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	633,200	2.6	616,905	947,571
	Amount to be voted	35,891,280	4.6	34,305,432	32,922,014

SUMMARY BY OBJECT AND TYPE OF EXPENDITURE
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

	1991-92 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1990-91 Estimates
	$	%	$
Object of Expenditure			
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	**17,400,794**	8.5	16,032,092
Supplies and Services	**10,741,063**	3.6	10,371,904
Grants	**3,200**	—	3,200
Purchase of Fixed Assets	**501,695**	(36.4)	789,122
Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly	**7,244,528**	1.9	7,109,114
	35,891,280	4.6	34,305,432
Type of Expenditure			
Operating	**35,389,585**	5.6	33,516,310
Capital	**501,695**	(36.4)	789,122
	35,891,280	4.6	34,305,432

SUMMARY OF MANPOWER AUTHORIZATION
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	**414.6**	(1.6)	421.4
Permanent Full-Time Positions	**249**	(3.9)	259

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

AUTHORITY:

Legislative Assembly Act.

Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Resolutions of the Assembly.

Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly including committees.

Provides for publication of Alberta Hansard.

Provides for public education and visitor services programs.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, Public Service and general public.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' Constituency Offices.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances and living expenses to Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the Legislative Assembly Act.

Provides for payment of pension premiums, disability benefits and health insurance premiums and benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for electronic data processing services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for financial and administrative support of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Provides for payment of honoraria and expenses for members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Provides for payment of re-establishment allowances to former Members of the Legislative Assembly.

VOTE 1 — SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Summary by Element

Reference Number	Element	1991-92 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1989-90 Actual
		$	%	$	$
1.0.1	Administration	592,627	11.2	533,157	423,807
1.0.2	House Services	1,175,421	(3.5)	1,217,849	1,136,336
1.0.3	MLA Administration	13,742,881	4.5	13,153,688	12,505,077
1.0.4	Speaker and Deputy Speaker—Office Services	337,030	0.1	336,626	304,767
1.0.5	Government Members' Services	1,347,570	5.0	1,283,400	1,131,432
1.0.6	Official Opposition Services	979,894	5.0	933,232	889,687
1.0.7	Liberal Party Services	551,941	5.0	525,658	517,209
1.0.8	Legislature Committees	378,518	(16.7)	454,140	474,332
1.0.9	Legislative Interns	94,014	—	94,014	83,630
1.0.10	Hansard	814,542	16.8	697,266	636,762
1.0.11	Legislature Library	947,237	7.2	883,363	847,147
1.0.12	Information Systems	585,764	(18.1)	715,388	919,259
1.0.13	Visitor Services	398,637	7.4	371,283	366,924
1.0.14	Electoral Boundaries Commission	400,641	. . .	—	—
	Amount to be voted	22,346,717	5.4	21,199,064	20,236,369

Summary by Object and Type of Expenditure

Object of Expenditure			
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	7,628,381	17.7	6,482,516
Supplies and Services	7,104,713	0.7	7,054,404
Grants	3,200	—	3,200
Purchase of Fixed Assets	365,895	(33.5)	549,830
Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly	7,244,528	1.9	7,109,114
	22,346,717	5.4	21,199,064
Type of Expenditure			
Operating	21,980,822	6.4	20,649,234
Capital	365,895	(33.5)	549,830
	22,346,717	5.4	21,199,064

Summary of Manpower Authorization

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	223.6	1.4	220.6
Permanent Full-Time Positions	50	—	50

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

AUTHORITY:

Auditor General Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To conduct professional, independent audits and express opinions as required by section 18 of the Auditor General Act and other statutes, on the financial statements of the Crown including departments, regulated funds, revolving funds, provincial agencies and other organizations or bodies of which the Auditor General is auditor. After the end of the fiscal year of the Crown, to report to the Legislative Assembly on the work of the Office of the Auditor General, and on matters which were observed during the course of that work, as required by section 19 of the Auditor General Act. To undertake special auditing or investigative assignments as may be specified by the Legislative Assembly and also, under certain conditions, as specified by the Executive Council.

VOTE 2 — OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Summary by Element

Reference Number	Element	1991-92 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1989-90 Actual
		$	%	$	$
2.0.1	Office of the Auditor General	**11,660,563**	3.6	11,260,563	10,524,774
	Amount to be voted	**11,660,563**	3.6	11,260,563	10,524,774

Summary by Object and Type of Expenditure

Object of Expenditure				
	Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	**8,277,813**	1.8	8,129,821
	Supplies and Services	**3,254,950**	12.5	2,892,950
	Grants	**—**	—	—
	Purchase of Fixed Assets	**127,800**	(46.3)	237,792
		11,660,563	3.6	11,260,563
Type of Expenditure				
	Operating	**11,532,763**	4.6	11,022,771
	Capital	**127,800**	(46.3)	237,792
		11,660,563	3.6	11,260,563

Summary of Manpower Authorization

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	**162.0**	(5.8)	172.0
Permanent Full-Time Positions	**171**	(5.5)	181

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

AUTHORITY:

Ombudsman Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide an impartial investigation on behalf of any person who feels he has suffered an injustice through the actions of departments, agencies or officials of the Government of Alberta, and to recommend corrective action if the complaint is justified.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Investigation of complaints concerning the actions of departments, agencies or officials of the Government of Alberta, at no cost to the individual requesting this service. Disposition of complaints by explaining action of Government to the complainant, if the complaint is not justified, or by recommendation for corrective action if the complaint is supported.

VOTE 3 — OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Summary by Element

Reference Number	Element	1991-92 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1989-90 Actual
		$	%	$	$
3.0.1	Edmonton Office	**982,300**	2.4	959,200	1,002,161
3.0.2	Calgary Office	**268,500**	(0.4)	269,700	211,139
	Amount to be voted	**1,250,800**	1.8	1,228,900	1,213,300

Summary by Object and Type of Expenditure

Object of Expenditure				
	Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	**1,014,500**	1.6	998,400
	Supplies and Services	**228,300**	(1.0)	230,500
	Grants	**—**	—	—
	Purchase of Fixed Assets	**8,000**	. . .	—
		1,250,800	1.8	1,228,900
Type of Expenditure				
	Operating	**1,242,800**	1.1	1,228,900
	Capital	**8,000**	. . .	—
		1,250,800	1.8	1,228,900

Summary of Manpower Authorization

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	**20.0**	(1.5)	20.3
Permanent Full-Time Positions	**20**	—	20

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

AUTHORITY:

Election Act.

Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Senatorial Selection Act.

Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

Electoral Divisions Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide administrative, logistic and financial support for general and special enumerations, general elections and by-elections, senatorial elections and plebiscites in support of the Election Act and the Senatorial Selection Act. To monitor and record the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provides for enumerations, elections, by-elections and plebiscites and for communication and liaison with the executive of registered parties, constituency associations, and candidates and their campaign officials, pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant acts.

The Chief Electoral Officer is a member of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

VOTE 4 — OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Summary by Element

Reference Number	Element	1991-92 Estimates	Change from Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1990-91 Estimates	Comparable 1989-90 Actual
		$	%	$	$
4.0.1	Administrative Support	**514,000**	12.0	458,855	418,152
4.0.2	Elections	**12,000**	- -	2,000	492,692
4.0.3	Enumerations	**107,200**	(31.3)	156,050	36,727
	Amount to be voted	**633,200**	2.6	616,905	947,571

Summary by Object and Type of Expenditure

Object of Expenditure			
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	**480,100**	13.9	421,355
Supplies and Services	**153,100**	(21.1)	194,050
Grants	—	—	—
Purchase of Fixed Assets	—	(100.0)	1,500
	633,200	2.6	616,905
Type of Expenditure			
Operating	**633,200**	2.9	615,405
Capital	—	(100.0)	1,500
	633,200	2.6	616,905

Summary of Manpower Authorization

Full-Time Equivalent Employment	**9.0**	5.9	8.5
Permanent Full-Time Positions	**8**	—	8

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1991

VOTE / DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL WARRANT	Amount $
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
In accordance with section 21 of the Legislative Assembly Act.	
1 SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
To provide funds to meet expenditure associated with the operations of the Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries and of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.	174,020
TOTAL VOTE 1	174,020
In accordance with section 6.1 of the Elections Act.	
4 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER	
To provide funds to conduct the special enumeration and by-election in the Electoral Division of Edmonton-Strathcona	121,390
TOTAL VOTE 4	121,390
Amount to be voted under section 1 of the Appropriation Act, 1991 (Legislative Assembly Estimates)	295,410

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED
ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE
For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992

Vote			Estimates
	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY		
1	Support to the Legislative Assembly	$	22,346,717
2	Office of the Auditor General		11,660,563
3	Office of the Ombudsman		1,250,800
4	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer		633,200
	Amount to be voted under section 2 of the Appropriation Act, 1991 (Legislative Assembly Estimates)	$	35,891,280